United States Internal Revenue,

Collector's Office, 1st District, Illinois,

Chicago, Nov. 6, 1872.

Sir,

You would greatly oblige me if you would furnish me with information as to the proportion of colored persons confined in the prisons and penitentiaries of the state of Massachusetts.

The information is intended to be used with reference to a statement that an eighth part of the convicts of Massachusetts are colored which I believe to be false.

If you can conveniently give me

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the facts in the case you would add to the obligation by giving the authorities.

Very respectfully yours,

D. F. Hoyt,

Dep. Coll. Int. Revenue

Chicago.

William Lloyd Garrison,

Boston.

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